

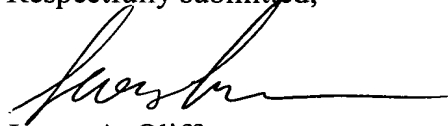
**REMARKS**

Claims 3-13 are pending in this application. By this Second Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 is canceled, and claims 3-13 are added.

Prompt examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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